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AND for instruction to euery of the sayde officers, her maiestie doth likewise charge euery of them as they will aunswere: that they permyt none to be played wherin either matters of religion or of the gouernaunce of the estate of the commō weale shalbe handled or treated, beyng no meete matters to be wrytten or treated vpon, but by menne of aucthoritie, learning and wisedome, nor to be handled before any audience, but of graue and discreete persons: All which partes of this proclamation, her maiestie chargeth to be inuiolably kepte. And if any shal attempte to the contrary: her Maiestie giueth all maner of officers that haue authoritie to see common peax kepte in commandement, to arrest and emprison the parties so offending for the space of fourteene dayes or more, as cause shall nede: And furder also vntill good assuraunce may be founde and gyuen, that they shalbe of good behauiour, and no more to offende in the like.

AND further her Maiestie gyueth speciall charge to her nobilitie and gentilmen, as they profesle to obey and regarde her maiestie, to take good order in thys behalfe wyth their seruaumtes being players, that this her Maiesties commaundement may be dulye kepte and obeyed.

Yeuen at our Palayce of Westminster the xvi. daye of Maye, the first yeare of [illegible] Raygne.

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